

# DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS

# POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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Chapter: 410 Prison Rape Elimination Act

Subject: Opposite Gender Viewing and Announcing

### **POLICY**

The Division of Adult Institutions shall provide inmates with the ability to shower, perform bodily functions and change clothing within each housing unit without employees of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine call checks or security rounds. This limitation not only applies to in-person viewing, but also all forms of remote viewing.

### **REFERENCES**

34 U.S.C. §30301. Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA)

28 C.F.R § Part 115, et seq. National Standards to Prevent, Detect and Respond to Prison Rape

<u>Executive Directive 72</u> – Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment in Confinement (PREA)

<u>DAI Policy 300.00.35</u> – Americans with Disabilities Act

<u>DAI Policy 300.00.61</u> – Language Assistance for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Inmates

DAI Policy 306.16.01 – Use of Body Camera

<u>DAI Policy 306.17.02</u> – Searches of Inmates

<u>DAI Policy 500.00.05</u> – Medical Observation and Monitoring

DAI Policy 500.70.24 – Clinical Observation

### **DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND FORMS**

<u>Exigent Circumstances</u> – Any set of temporary and unforeseen circumstances that require immediate action in order to combat a threat to the security or institutional order of a facility.

PREA – Prison Rape Elimination Act

<u>Staff or staff member</u> – Any person employed by the Department of Corrections as a fulltime employee, contracted, project, limited term employee or volunteer.

### **PROCEDURE**

I. All viewing and searches shall be performed in accordance with DAI Policies 306.17.02, 500.00.05 and 500.70.24. A properly conducted search involving incidental contact with an inmate's genitals shall not be considered a violation of sexual abuse policies.

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# II. Except in exigent circumstances, staff of the opposite gender shall announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit in accordance with the following:

- A. Each facility shall develop and be responsible for implementing local procedures to ensure that a consistent announcement is made each time a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of the opposite gender enters (or exits and reenters) a housing unit where inmates may be able to shower, change clothing or perform bodily functions.
- B. At minimum, such announcement must be made when an opposite gender staff member enters the housing unit and there are no other opposite gender staff members present on the housing unit. When an opposite gender staff member is entering a housing unit and it is unknown to him/her whether the opposite gender announcement has been made on his or her behalf, the entering staff member shall be responsible for making an announcement.
- C. Available resources to execute such announcements may vary by facility. However, generally acceptable practices include the following:
  - 1. A designated tone, sign and/or light that is used only for the purpose of announcing a member of the opposite gender entering housing units.
  - 2. An announcement made by the staff working the control desk via the intercom or alternate system.
  - 3. The opposite gender staff person makes an audible announcement of their presence.
- D. Facilities and housing units housing deaf or blind inmates shall develop an alternative or supplementary notification method in accordance with DAI Policies 300.00.35 and 300.00.61.
- E. Upon admission, as part of PREA related education, inmates shall receive facility specific information that explains how opposite gender staff announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit.

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## DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

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Will Implement As written With below procedures for facility implementation				
Warden's/Center Superintendent's Approval:				

### **REFERENCES**

# **DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND FORMS**

## **FACILITY PROCEDURE**

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## **RESPONSIBILITY**

- I. Staff
- II. Inmate
- III. Other